

'Golden Boy' Of Politics

London.—The appointment of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald as Governor-General of the New Malayan Union and Singapore has astonished and upset sections of the Labour movement which recall not only his father's desertion of the Labour Party in 1931, but also the son's subsequent career as a Conservative politician.

The "Tribune" describes him as the "Golden Boy" of British politics.

Some well-informed persons here expressed the opinion that Mr. MacDonald's appointment, which the Cabinet knew would upset many Labourites, is based on the fact that Mr. MacDonald is one of the few men available who has had experience capable of handling a rapid transition from colonial status to dominion status similar to Ceylon which is what has been proposed for Malaya.

Want To Explain

Tokyo, Feb. 4.—Adm. Nomura, Japanese ambassador to Washington, who was talking "peace" with Cordell Hull even while the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbour, has announced his intention to write a book to present his side of the story of the "peace" negotiations in Washington. Nomura is now lodged in the Sugamo prison awaiting trial as a war criminal suspect.—Reuter.

MONTY IN SWITZERLAND

Berne, Feb. 4.—Field-Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery arrived in Switzerland yesterday from Germany. He was met by the President of the Swiss Confederation. The Field-Marshal is on a holiday, recovering from his recent attack of influenza.—Reuter.

IRAN MISSION

Teheran, Feb. 4.—The Iran press today reports that the Soviet Government has informed Premier Ghanavi that the Soviet Government is to receive an Iran Mission in Moscow for direct negotiation on Iran-Soviet affairs.—Reuter.

HIROSHIMA CASUALTIES

Tokyo, Feb. 3.—The Allied Headquarters in Tokyo has estimated that 78,450 persons were killed in the atomic bomb raid on Hiroshima last August. Total casualties were put at 300,000.

Railway Men On Strike

Approximately 200 daily paid workers in the Locomotive Shed (F.M.S.R.), Falm., have been on strike since 10 o'clock on Sunday night with the result that local train service have been suspended.

It is understood that the local strike is in sympathy with the general strike staged in the Central Workshops, Sentul where 3,000 workers downed tools. The demands made by the local strikers are similar to those presented in Kuala Lumpur and include increase in wages and rice rations, a six-hour working schedule, on eight-hour wages, on Saturdays, and the establishment of a co-operative store to distribute goods to workers at controlled prices.

So far no agreement has been reached between the strikers and the authorities.

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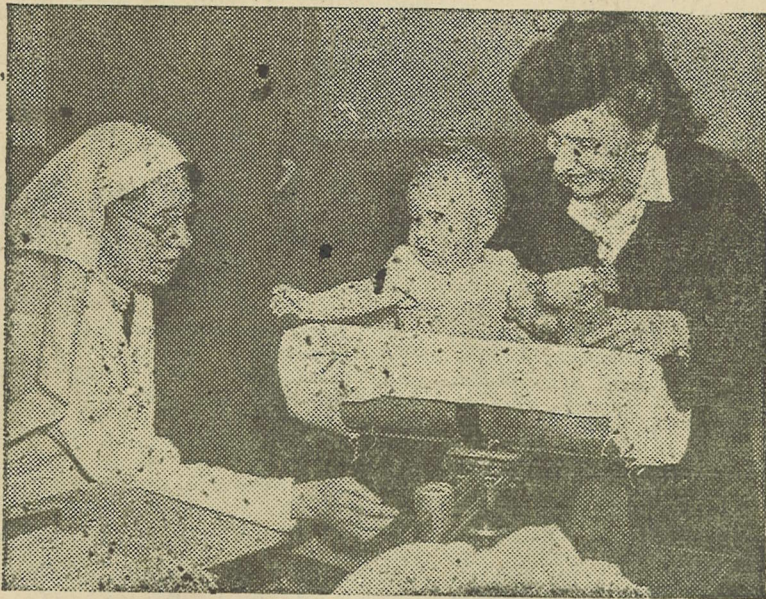
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Health Centre In A London Borough

At the Child Welfare Centre in Hounslow, London, a record is kept of the weight and progress of babies. In one year alone 31,000 mothers brought their babies to the Clinic for advice and treatment.



Burma Tackles Rehabilitation

Rangoon, Feb. 4.—Burma has a displaced persons problem of its own. There are about 100,000 displaced Anglo-Burmans and Indians in Burma today and thousands of others have already been helped by the British Military Administration which fol-

lowed close on the heels of the liberating forces. Forty-four relief camps have been established in Tenasser, in Arakan, at Mandalay, Maymyo, Rangoon and other towns.

The Government has taken over from the military administration whose work was held up by lack of transport and communications and resettlement of these people is continuing. The shortage of staff closed within three months and those who have not been rehabilitated by them will be accommodated in various camps.—Reuter.

Austrian Traitor Gets Life

Vienna, Feb. 2.—When Dr. Rudolf Neumayer, first Austrian traitor was sentenced for offences committed before the outbreak of the war to life imprisonment, by a Vienna court today, two unusual conditions were attached. On March 13 each year, (dates of the Anschluss—Austria's annexation by the Germans in 1938) Neumayer is to be placed in solitary confinement for a whole day in an unlighted cell. Once every three months the prisoner is to have one day of "hard living" when his bedding will be removed. Neumayer, aged 53, was charged with high treason for helping to hand Austria over to the Nazis.—Reuter.

INTER-CONTINENTAL PLANE AT GENEVA

London, Feb. 4.—The Swiss radio said last night that the first American plane of Inter-Continental Airlines, arrived yesterday at Geneva and later continued its journey to Rome, Cairo and India. The plane, which has 29 passengers and a crew of 10, left New York on Thursday afternoon.—Reuter.

FAMED AUTHOR DEAD

London, Feb. 4.—Philipps Oppenheim, the famous mystery-thriller author, died in his home yesterday morning in Southampton. He was 80 years of age.—Reuter.

Another Revolt In Greece?

Moscow, Feb. 4.—The Soviet news agency said last night that dispatches from Athens reported "feverish arming" by Greek Monarchist parties which, it was stated, were preparing to repeat at Athens and other cities—the "Kalamata experiment" (the southern Greek port of Kalamata was the scene of clashes between Greek Government forces and alleged Monarchists on Jan. 20.)—Reuter.

Tugmen's Strikes

New York, Feb. 4.—Three thousand five hundred Hudson river tugboat men ceased work at midnight last night, following a demand for higher wages and a 44-hour week. Mayor William O. Dwyer stated that half the city's food supplies and 80 per cent of its coal would be cut off by the stoppage.—Reuter.

Dr. M. Vengopaul of the General Hospital, Alor Star, will shortly go on transfer to Kulim.

Soldiers Break From Prison

York, Feb. 4.—Sixteen British soldiers staged a mass breakout from a military prison at Northallerton, near here, just after church service yesterday morning. The soldiers were parading in the yard before going to their quarters when 16 broke from ranks and made a United Rush to the doors opening on to the high road. The officers-in-charge carried no weapons of any sort and were unable to stop them. By midnight, last night, 12 of the men had been recaptured but the remaining four are still at large.—Reuter.

Armed Guard At Nuremberg Trial

Nuremberg, Feb. 4.—In Nuremberg, scene of the war crimes trial of Nazi war leaders, U.S. army authorities mounted machine-guns inside and outside the court house. "Just in case," explained Brig. Gen. Watson.

During the past few days there have been strong rumours in Nuremberg that an attempt would be made to deliver Herman Goering, one of the major Nazi war leaders now standing trial.—Reuter.

GI's War Brides

New York, Feb. 4.—The first batch of 65,000 war brides from Europe due in the U.S. arrived in New York City this morning by the U.S.S. Argentina. On board were 456 British brides of American GIs and over 100 children. A bigger batch leaves Britain today for the U.S. by the giant liner "Queen Mary," with 2,350 women and children on board.—Reuter.

R.A.F. CRASH, SIX FOUND

Carlisle, Feb. 4.—The bodies of six occupants of the R.A.F. Dakota transport aircraft which crashed on the mountain top here, in darkness, early yesterday, have been recovered. The plane was preparing to land after routine training flight.—Reuter.

'No More War' Demonstration

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—According to the Nieuwspost, 20,000 persons staged a demonstration in Amsterdam yesterday in favour of a peaceful solution of the Indonesia problem. Speakers of the Socialist Democratic Party, the Communist Party and various trade unions addressed the mass rally which was held under the slogan "No more war by people against people. Solve the problem by voluntary co-operation."

The rally passed a resolution requesting the Dutch Government to recognise the rights of the Indonesian people for self-government and solve the problem by direct negotiations with the Indonesian people. Copies of the resolution were sent to the Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Sutan Sharir and Dr. van Mook.—Reuter.

Rest Of The News

MORE JAP REPATRIATES

Tokyo, Feb. 4.—It was announced that there are still 54 million Japanese to be repatriated to their home islands.—Reuter.

RIGA EXECUTIONS

Moscow, Feb. 4.—Seven Germans found guilty of war crimes in Riga yesterday were publicly executed.—Reuter.

BUSIEST PORT

London, Feb. 4.—London is today the world's busiest port. Every berth in the Port of London is occupied and according to a London Port official there are at present 108 merchant vessels berthed.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S REQUIREMENTS

Cairo, Feb. 4.—The Egyptian Government has disclosed the British reply to the Egyptian request for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936. The Egyptian Minister of Commerce is quoted as saying that the Egyptian Govern-

ment required the complete withdrawal of British troops from the country, and the incorporation of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan into the Kingdom of Egypt.—Reuter.

CURFEW LIFTED

Jerusalem, Feb. 4.—British authorities here are lifting from today the curfew imposed on the Jewish quarters 15 days ago after an attempt by terrorists to blow up some important buildings.—Reuter.

NEW ENVOY TO MOSCOW

Ankara, Feb. 4.—The British Ambassador in Turkey, Sir Morris Drummond Peterson, has been appointed the new Ambassador to Moscow, replacing Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR

Vienna, Feb. 4.—The diplomatic representative of Austria has arrived in London. He is the first Austrian government envoy in London since the country was overrun by Nazis in 1938.—Reuter.

Malaya Tribune

Ipoh, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1946.

Parang Of India

MR. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has brought more grist to the mill of those who assert that it is India herself, not Britain, who obstructs her advance towards full freedom. Almost within the hour of Viceroy Wavell's announcement of his decision to establish "a new Executive Council formed of political leaders and to bring about a constitution-making body or convention as soon as possible" the Muslim League President thundered back "we will not agree to any central government being set up, even as an interim arrangement." It is the same old vicious spiral again—Britain apparently trying to transfer authority to the Indian people while a section of the people continue to "cry havoc!" Mr. Jinnah's alarm will make many a British statesman throw up his hands in disgust and write more letters to The Times on "the utter iniquity of Britain leaving large masses of the people to the tender mercies of Hindu bureaucrats." There will be renewed attempts in Press and Parliament to prove by reductio ad absurdum that independence is impossible without first hammering out a complete unity between the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League. And whoever has heard of 400 people, not to say 400 million, totally agreeing?

For the British statesman to disclaim all responsibility for the present deadlock in India is to forget recent history. He must ask himself what exactly is the cause for the rift between Hindus and Muslims which never in her long history appeared so exacerbated as it is today. The present unhappy state in the country is directly traceable to the method of separate elections first introduced into the country under the Montford reforms of 1919, and later given more permanent form in the Government of India Act, 1935, despite counter-claims. The first division between Hindus and Muslims based on religious separatism was then extended to Sikhs, Anglo-Indians, Christians, Europeans, etc., until today there are 17 voting categories. Communalism was all along vehemently opposed to the creation of barriers between communities and communities. Gandhi had even resisted with his life the move to introduce separate electorates for "scheduled classes." The one instrument that undermined national solidarity and was all along vehemently opposed to the creation of barriers between communities and communities was, and still is, separate electorates.

It is this aspect of the question that is often forgotten by Indian sympathisers abroad most of whom, in despair, summarily pronounce her unfit for freedom. They look at India with compassion always but with understanding rarely. If they take the trouble to look beneath the surface they will realise that the British administration of India, though ostensibly for the benefit of her people, has consciously or unconsciously led to the fostering of sharp communal divisions.

Kunzru Replies To A Taunt

Speaking at a public meeting of Indians at the Victoria Memorial Hall, Pandit H. N. Kunzru, leader of the Government of India delegation to Malaya, exhorted them to take immediate steps to provide relief to those who are in need of it.

Pandit Kunzru said that such action would not only add to the spirit of self-reliance, but would help Indians to realise that their leaders, by standing by them in their hour of need, are worthy of their role.

Pandit Kunzru asked the gathering to form a committee, if they had not already formed one, and to collect as

much money as possible from Indians themselves.

"I do not know whether anyone who has not been to this colony recently can adequately realise the sufferings of the people here—people of all classes—owing to the economic circumstances," added Pandit Kunzru.

Referring to the betterment of Indian labourers in this country, Pandit Kunzru said, "It is true that the Indian labourer was not brought here under compulsion. He had come here of his own free will thinking that his economic conditions would be better here than in his mother country. In other words, he had come here in search of a higher standard of living than that he would be able to obtain in his own country, just as his employer had come here looking for a better standard of living."

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The Indian worker had been producing wealth to his employer and he thought that it was nothing but fair that he should have a proper share of that wealth. That is the demand of the workers all over the world and the Indian workers' demand is nothing unusual or extraordinary.

Those who tell us that if the labourer was not satisfied he could go back to his own country since he had come here under no compulsion, would do well to bear in mind the fact that the Ahearne Mission that went to India years ago to urge the removal of the ban placed on Indian immigration to this country, did not go to India either at the request of the people of India or the Indian labourers in Malaya.

"The Government of India and the people of India are not anxious to send their labourers abroad and if other countries want our labourers they must be prepared to raise the standard of wages according to conditions prevailing from time to time" stated Pandit Kunzru.

NOTICE

IPOH (NEW KINTA) WATER SUPPLY

Exceptionally heavy rain and large earth slips have recently caused silting of the Ipoh Water Supply and serious damage to the large main. Repairs are in hand but will take some days to complete. Meanwhile the small emergency supply is in temporary use but severe restrictions will result. It is imperative that the utmost economy is exercised in the use of water. As far as possible, the supply will be turned on daily during the following hours only—

5 a.m. to 9 a.m.

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Persons in their own interest are asked to co-operate fully by using AS LITTLE WATER AS POSSIBLE and by making certain that all taps are turned off when not in use.

The normal precaution of boiling all drinking water is present strongly advised by the Administration now becomes VERY NECESSARY in view of rapid works on the main which will cause a certain amount of local contamination.

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World Rubber Control Committee

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Civilian Production Board announces the creation of a combined rubber committee to continue control and allocations of world rubber during the shortage period and do the work formerly done by the Combined Raw Materials Board.

The members are: Chairman, George M. Tisdale of the U.S. Bureau of International Supply of Civilian Production Administration; C. Dachateau, Belgian Economic Mission G.C. Batemen, Canadian Department of Reconstruction and Supply; Jean Lageat, French Supply Council; E. C. Zimmerman, Netherlands Commissioner for N.E.I.; Douglas Campbell, British Raw Materials Mission, representing the United Kingdom.

U.S. SUBS' BAG

Washington, Feb. 3.—The U.S. Navy Department announced that American submarines had sunk a total of 1,750 Japanese merchant ships and 194 combat vessels, at a cost of 7,500 American submarine crew.—Reuter.

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Important Events In India Soon

New York, Jan. 30.—The New York Times today carries a column on a visit from London Commissioner of the Dominion of India, in which it says "developments of most profound significance for India will be happening during the next few weeks." It adds that "it is not an exaggeration to say that India is at the cross roads. There are no illusions more about the situation. It is certain to come to a climax as soon as the provincial elections end this spring."

"Nothing that Indian political leaders have said recently has given the British anything to feel hopeful about a peaceful settlement of their relations with India. The next few weeks will see British moves that will not be definite but will lay plans for definite moves."

"The people of India should have a clear indication of British intentions by the middle of February as the Labour Government, which speaks the same language as any previous government, feels that speedy action is necessary."

The story concluded with the statement: "It is agreed here there are more reasons for pessimism than optimism."—*Reuter.*

DEATH FOR JAP GENERAL

Manila, Feb. 2.—The Military Commission sentenced Lieut.-Gen. Hikotaro Tajima, commander of the Japanese forces on Bataan Island, to death by hanging, for ordering the execution of three U.S. naval fliers who were shot down over Bataan in November, 1944, it was reported here this morning. Thirteen others were sentenced to hard labour, ranging from life to five years.

1944 JAP SHIPS SUNK

Tokyo, Feb. 3.—According to Japanese figures, Allied warships sank 1944 Japanese vessels during the war in the Pacific.

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Sultan Opens K.K. Fair

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HAMADA TO HANG

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 3.—Capt. Hamada Hamada was sentenced to be hanged by the Military Tribunal here last week after he was found guilty on a charge of murdering six civilians at Kuala Lumpur on April 26, 1944.

Hamada, known as the President, Lieut.-Col. F. E. Riggs, told him that the killing of these civilians without provocation or justification, was a peculiarly brutal crime and that there is only one sentence adequate for this offence.

He remained ironing as the sentence of death was passed. The President said this was subject to confirmation.

Capt. J.R. Cooper was counsel for Hamada.

Major W.J. Davies led the case for the prosecution, while Major H.E. Smith and Capt. J. M. Carter assisted on the bench.

The trial of Sgt. Yamamoto, the second of the series of Japanese war criminals in the Malay Peninsula, began last week. He is charged with having murdered an Indian civilian on Sept. 12, 1945, after the Japanese surrender, near Princes Road, Kuala Lumpur.

The defence counsel is Capt. J.R. Cooper, and Major I. Davies for the prosecution.

DOOLITTLE'S FORECAST

New York, Feb. 3.—Major Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, the man who conducted the first raid on Tokyo, said in the New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the biggest expansion in the world air programme would be the coming of small planes for private and personal use.

evergreens, and pictures and posters from the Information and Publicity Centre. His Highness thanked Maj. B.H. Catchpole, (R.A.) CAO, and others for the entertainment and organisation of the fair, and urged all buyers and sellers to be reasonable in their bargains so as to crush the black-market ring.

Maj. B. H. Catchpole stressed two points, firstly, the necessity of opening such fairs and the benefits derived therefrom.

Famous Story On Screen

The most popular tale of the Arabian Nights—"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"—is brought brilliantly to the screen in New Universal's picturization of this story. Filmed in gorgeous technicolor, it features Jon Hall, who teamed so successfully with Dorothy Lamour in "Hurricane" and a new, ravishingly beautiful Maria Montez. It comes to Ipoh's latest theatre, the Sun, for a short season, beginning today.

GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY

It is reported that Government has approved a loan of \$2,250,000 for the resuscitation of the Malayan pineapple industry. The loan was applied for by the Control Board of Pineapple Packers, Malaya, which asked for \$1,500,000 for the cultivation of 10,000 acres of new land, and \$750,000 to enable the carriers to put factories in order.

TODAY'S SOCCER

The 1st Btn. 3rd Infantry Regt. R.D.Y. recently will be which defeated the 96th Fld. Regt. Dutch soccer team seen in action again this evening on the Ipoh Club ground when they will meet a local side.

The following will represent the United XI: Tat Choo; Kong Weng, Abdul Karim; Marimuttu, Taib, Jaffar; Amaldass, Aris, Swee Meng, Suanmugam, Noor.

Local Chinese Celebrate

Ipoh.—Local Chinese celebrated Chinese New Year by holding a meeting sponsored by the Perak Peoples' Association at the Jubilee Cabaret yesterday.

Speeches were made by Mr. Lau Pak Khuan, member of the Chungking Supervisory Council, Miss Eng Ming Ching, chairman of the Malayan Communist Party, Fook Buan, Mr. Liaw Wei Ching, president of the Malayan Peoples' Ex-Comrade Association, Mr. Wong Chai Tong, president of the Perak Chinese Association.

Opportunity was taken at this meeting to appoint a preparatory committee comprising 19 members to hold a memorial service on February 15 for the heroes who sacrificed their lives in their underground activities.

Miss Eng Ming Ching was appointed chairman of the preparatory committee and the vice-chairmen are Messrs. Lau Pak Khuan, Wong Chin Tong, Chan Thin Wah and Pek Seng Ken.

R.R.I. BOARD

Kuala Lumpur.—The Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer has appointed Mr. C.C.T. Sharp to be acting Director of the Rubber Research Institute. Mr. A.Y. Beith, Mr. D.M. Tibbs and Tuan Sheikh Ahmad bin Abdul'ah have been appointed members of the Board of the RRI as well as of the Permanent Committee.

REQUEST TO SHAW

Dublin, Feb. 2.—The famous dramatist and author George Bernard Shaw may be asked to accept the freedom of Dublin, his native city, at a meeting of the Dublin Corporation on Monday.—*Reuter.*

NOTICE

Until the arrival of new printing types, there will be no issue of the Malay National Daily, Suara Rakyat with effect from today.

Director

Suara Rakyat, Ipoh.
5.2.1946.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

WEDDING

The marriage will take place at 10, Assam Kunibang Road, Taiping, on Wednesday, 6th February, 1946, between 8 and 9.30 p.m., of Mr. Kathirasoo, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Sinnathamby of Mulai Road, Jaffna, Ceylon, and Miss Kanahambahal, daughter of the late Mr. V. K. Murugasa Pillai and Mrs. Murugasa Pillai of Taiping, and niece of Dr. and Mrs. V. K. Tamby Pillai of Penang and V. K. Nagarathnam of Kuala Kangsar. All friends and relatives are cordially invited. No invitation cards have been sent.

OBITUARY

The late Mr. V.P. Govindasamy Pillay of No. 35, Lahar Road, Ipoh, passed away on the 3rd instant at his residence at 9.40 a.m. Deceased was 77 years of age at the time of his death and was a prominent member of the Indian Community.

(Singapore papers please copy).

The Perak State Committee, Malayan Communist Party.

NOTICE

In Commemoration Of The 20th Anniversary Of February 15 Day.

Dear Comrades Of All Races Of Perak,

Feb. 15, 1922, was the beginning of those eventful years when all the people of Malaya were plunged into a whirlpool of miseries. During that dark period of Japanese domination, thousands of anti-Japanese heroes sacrificed their lives while thousands of their unfortunate compatriots were massacred and heavy damages caused to the properties of the Malayan people. In order to remember the great sacrifices made by the anti-Japanese heroes the above-named Committee hereby calls upon the people of all races in Perak to hold separate meetings in their respective places on Feb. 15 in commemoration. It is hoped that a holiday would be observed on that day.

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Malay League's Protest Cable

Kuala Kangsar.—The Perak Malay League, which was formed recently, has taken important decisions regarding its disapproval of the British White Paper on the proposed Malayan Union.

Apart from a resolution to send a delegation to present more effectively the opposition of the Malays to the contemplated changes in the country, the League has sent two cables, one to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the other to the London Times, voicing its protest against the provisions of the White Paper.

The cable reads:—

"That it notes with profound regret the contents of the White Paper announced in London on Tuesday Jan. 22, 1946, relating to the proposed Malayan Union.

That it views the proposed Union of Malay States with the greatest concern and apprehension. That it records disapproval of and protest against the proposed inclusion of non-Malays into the Union citizenship carrying equal right, privileges and status with the Malays.

That it considers the change in the status quo without the express wish of the Malays and contrary to their wish, as being against the spirit of the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations' declaration. That it commends to His Britannic Majesty's Government a strict adherence to all such treaties and engagements with Malay rulers and all such principles of government as existed at the outbreak of the hostilities in East Asia, without making any change whatsoever which would have the effect of impairing the status and dignity hitherto enjoyed by their highnesses and their chiefs. A memorandum follows please submit to His Majesty's government."

JOLLY YOUTHS

Any Captains wishing to arrange friendly soccer matches with the Jolly Youths team are requested to write to Mr. P. Suppiah c/o 52 Connolly Road, Ipoh.

Soon Kwong Case Review

SENTENCE REMITTED

The following official statement on the Soon Kwong case has been released to the press by HQ. B.M.A., Malay Peninsula. The petition for review against the conviction and sentence of Soon Kwong on Jan. 3 in the Superior Court in Kuala Lumpur has been received.

The conviction is upheld, but in view of Soon Kwong's services during the period of Japanese occupation, the remainder of the sentence of four years' rigorous imprisonment is remitted. For it

is substituted a bond for 12 months to be of good behaviour in two sureties for \$1,000 each.

Since the conviction of Soon Kwong on Jan. 3 and before the time allowed for a petition for review has expired, considerable public feeling has been expressed. Such action is improper. In addition to the agitation which has been aroused, strikes has been called with the release of Soon Kwong as one of their stated objects.

The Supreme Allied Commander wishes to make it quite clear, that agitation of this sort will in no way be permitted to influence the B.M.A. in administering justice, and the repetition of such threats of agitation during the period of hearing and the period allowed for a petition of review can only damage the person on whose behalf they are made. The law will be administered without fear or favour.

The Supreme Allied Commander has seen the record and reports on the case, and on Jan. 25 confirmed the action now taken. While his decision was being implemented, the attempt to force the hands of the administration was taken by strikes. Action was therefore postponed until the strikes were called off.

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The Selangor R. A. F. Rugby XV scored another victory when they beat the Perak Combined by nine points (two tries and a penalty) to six points (two tries) in a friendly game played on the Ipoh Club ground yesterday.

The homesters had the better of the exchanges in the first half when they were all over their opponents to maintain a three nil lead at half time.

After the resumption, however, the airmen came into their own and confined play to the local 25 but stubborn defence, prevented them from scoring until the closing stages.

Perak pack did remarkably well. Clark, Shinwell, Dawson and Wilson must also come in for mention for their good work in the defence.

The visitors mainly relied on their three's and Reynolds, the international, tried to set them in motion only to be frustrated by the ever-vigilant Perak defence.

Major Hudson refereed and the following were the teams:

K.L. R.A.F.:—Whitmore; Danker, Wormack, Ednie Hurst; Richards, Evans; Reynolds, Sunderland, Bavliss, Hookins, Edgar, Little, O'Sullivan and Riley.

Perak Combined:—Wilson; Shinwell, Smith, Leach, Dawson; Clark, Henney; Medland, Cheng Lye, Hall, Dempsey North, Twentymen, Kean Hood and Whitehaw.

Newbolt To Be Chief Secretary

It is officially announced that Brig. A. T. Newbolt, CMG, MC, at present DCCAO, Malay Peninsula and Chief of Staff to Maj.-Gen. H. R. Hone, has been nominated for the appointment of Chief Secretary of the Malayan Union and that Brig. P. A. B. McKerron, CMG, at present DCCAO, Singapore, has been nominated for the appointment of Colonial Secretary, Singapore.

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